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**SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS URGES AMENDMENT TO AGREEMENT
WITH L.A. BIOMEDICAL RESEARCH INSTITUTE TO HELP
REDEVELOPMENT OF HARBOR-UCLA MEDICAL CENTER CAMPUS**

LOS ANGELES – Emphasizing the benefits of the Los Angeles Biomedical Research Institute's (LA BioMed) research projects and programs to County residents seeking services at Harbor-UCLA Medical Center, Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas today urged the Board to extend an agreement with the Institute to help guide the reorganization and redevelopment of the 72-acre campus.

"LA BioMed has a long history of administering research and education projects at Harbor-UCLA," Supervisor Ridley-Thomas said, urging the Board to approve the County Chief Executive Officer's (CEO) recommendation to extend the County's agreement with LA BioMed for the period of July 1, 2010 to December 31, 2010.

The CEO has engaged a planning, architectural and/or engineering firm to develop and implement the Harbor-UCLA master plan, expected to be completed by November 2011.

The extension of the agreement with LA BioMed will coincide with the development of the master plan, and ensure continued medical research and education services at Harbor-UCLA at no additional cost to the County.

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